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THE OZITECH SHARPENER

The Ozitech sharpener is certainly different looking. Enclosed in a hand sized clamshell case, you open it up and 8 silver diamond-coated fingers appear, (reminding me of the child's hand game "here is the church, here is the steeple, open the doors and see all the people") and the slick little device is ready to go.

I applied my dull 8" Santuku knife as directed (Very simple: "Pull your blade down and back through the edges" as stated in the instructions) to the Ozi for about 10 minutes, a reflection of how dull this blade was. A less dull knife would take about 5 minutes or less. The fingers set the edge bevels on the blade and sharpened the edge at the same time.

The Ozi performed as advertised and when finished, I sliced through a sheet of newspaper cleanly with little

effort. Then the little sharpener folded up and stowed neatly in my cutlery drawer.

According to the manufacturer's press kit, the "Ozitech creates a professional hone and is a simple tool to use... and gives you a perfectly honed edge."

I have to agree.

\$30.00 retail

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"The name was like gold," says Bill Booth, today the vice president of sales and marketing for Toastess. An existing Canadian small electrics company bought the Toastess brand for two reasons: to expand in Canada and to branch out to the United States, where it could not do business under its Canadian name.